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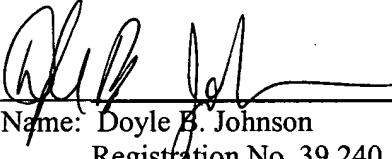
This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2005. Claims 17 – 19 were pending, and the Office Action rejected Claims 17 and 18, but noted that Claim 19 would be allowable if the noted informality was corrected.

In response, Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled, and Claim 19 has been amended to correct the noted informality. As such, it is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.78 to Deposit Account No. 50-2603, referencing Attorney Docket No. 351778.03810. A duplicate sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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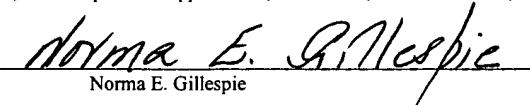
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